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NEWS RELEASE

SERIES OF EVENTS ON TAP TO CELEBRATE FITZ'S PRESIDENCY

DAYTON, Ohio -- The presidency of Brother Raymond L. Fitz, S.M., will be celebrated on campus and in the community through awards and tributes, music and prayer. Plans are still being shaped for some events, but here's a snapshot:

- Oct. 4, the presidents of Ohio's 50 independent colleges and universities and corporate executives from around the state will honor Fitz at a campus luncheon during the fall board meetings for the Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges and the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Ohio.
- Oct. 25, Fitz will receive the community's highest volunteer service award, the Presidents Club of Dayton's Citizen Legion of Honor Award, at a luncheon at the Dayton Convention Center, 222 E. Fifth St. Cost is \$22. Call Millie Sadauskas at (937) 226-8240 for reservations.
- Feb. 10, 4 p.m., President's Concert tribute from music faculty members, Sears Recital Hall. Free.
- April 7, 2:30 p.m., Mass of Thanksgiving at Holy Angels Church, 218 K St., for Marianists, the campus community and the Fitz family.
- April 12, farewell celebration, open to UD faculty, staff and students.
- April 24, Celebration of Leadership in Community dinner, community-wide tribute at the Dayton Convention Center, 222 E. Fifth St. Ronald Heifetz, director of Harvard University's Leadership Education Project and author of *Leadership Without Easy Answers*, will give the keynote address. For information, call Joanie Swedlund at (937) 229-3262.

Fitz, the longest-serving president in UD's history, will step down on June 30, 2002, after a 23-year stint.

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